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## Selectmen's Minutes 12/06/2010

### BOARD OF SELECTMEN

#### Meeting Minutes

**Monday, December 6, 2010**

6:15 p.m.

Present: Mrs. Mahon, Chair, Ms. LaCourt, Vice Chair, Mr. Greeley, Mr. Hurd, and Ms. Rowe.  
 Also present: Mr. Sullivan, Ms. Rice, and Mrs. Sullivan

#### FOR APPROVAL

1. CONSENT AGENDA (one vote required for approval of all items)
    - a. Reappointment: Board of Library Trustees  
 Kathryn Gandek-Tighe  
 Joyce Radochia  
 (terms to expire 6/30/2013)
    - b. Reappointments: Cemetery Commission  
 Michelle Hassler  
 William McCarthy  
 (terms to expire 6/30/2013)
    - c. Reappointment: Human Rights Commission  
 Sheri Baron  
 (term to expire 6/30/2013)
    - d. Reappointment: Trust Fund Commission  
 Augusta Haydock  
 (term to expire 6/30/2013)
- Ms. Rowe moved approval. SO VOTED (5-0)

#### APPOINTMENTS

2. Appointment: Board of Youth Services  
 Ann Horgan  
 (term to expire 6/30/2013)  
 Ms. LaCourt moved approval. SO VOTED (5-0)

#### TRAFFIC RULES & ORDERS/OTHER BUSINESS

3. Request: Common Victualler License  
 Martin Hegarty, Jr. AG H SFD Inc. d/b/a Fresh Pond Sea Food, 75 Summer Street  
 Mr. Greeley moved approval. SO VOTED (5-0)
4. Approval: Goals for Town Manager and Selectmen  
 Brian F. Sullivan, Manager  
 Mr. Hurd thanked and complemented Mr. Chapdelaine and Mr. Sullivan for their comprehensive work on drafting the goals. He requested a re-cap on the status of the prior year goals.  
 Ms. LaCourt requested that attention be focused on:  
 -(BoS goals): #4 Transportation and Parking-so that all three of the areas are completed with success.  
 -(Town Manager goals): #4 Information Technology-to add more service items on line.

Mrs. Mahon requested that on:

- (BoS goals): #1 E Implement audit recommendations from Powers & Sullivan- that the Town Manager contact the Superintendent to monitor audit recommendations and implementations.
  - (Town Manager goals): #1H Continue to investigate regionalization initiatives that provide both financial incentives and service delivery improvement to Arlington residents. Immediate focus on Sealer of W&M and Animal Impound-add a plan on what areas can be regionalized while preserving services to residents.
  - (Town Manager goals): #1 I Investigate possibility of Innovation Award Program, to award employees who propose cost saving measures for their department-the Town Manager create a "suggestion box" for all employees to submit cost saving ideas.
  - (BoS goals/#3 C & Town Manager goals/#3 D): wants to include Mill Street property development along with Symmes property development
  - (BoS goals/#3 F & Town Manager goals/#3 E): to include verbiage from Selectmen's goal in the Town Manager's goal "work with Cambridge, Somerville, and the MVRA to eliminate all CSO discharges into the Alewife Brook within the next 20 years. Uphold Town Meeting vote to restore Alewife Brook to Class B waterway".
  - (Town Manager goals): #6 A Information Technology & #7 A Public Communication and Customer Service, wants more information on the GIS Coordinator and Public Information Officer where the Town is facing layoffs.
  - (Town Manager goals): #8 C Energy Efficiency/Sustainability, add another goal to compile an action/suggestion plan to work with all utilities to making Arlington more efficient (especially Nstar, National Grid, and EDT).
- Mr. Hurd moved to recommend that the Town Manager impose a hiring freeze except in emergency situations/critical areas. SO VOTED (5-0)
- Mr. Greeley motioned that all departments are to be informed (both Town and Schools) of the hiring freeze vote. SO VOTED (5-0)
- Mr. Greeley moved to endorse both the Selectmen and Town Manager goals with amended comments. SO VOTED (5-0)

## 5. CITIZENS OPEN FORUM

These matters were presented for consideration of the Board.

Mr. Jamieson, Town Meeting member, asked the Selectmen to consider these cost saving actions:

- pay as you throw: start immediately
  - healthcare costs: implement higher payment percentages of employees vs. town
  - snow -removal: provide a bi-weekly status report to efficiently manage and require commercial and residential abutters to curb cuts/sidewalks responsible for snow clearing and removal.
- 7:15 p.m.

## 6. Discussion: Property Classification - Tax Rate

Ms. Winstanley O'Connor reported, on behalf of the Board of Assessors, the property classification information on which the Selectmen would discuss and vote.

Mrs. Mahon opened the public meeting by asking for the public's input to the property classification-tax rate.

Mr. Gordon Jamieson, Town Meeting member, stated that during the evaluation process out of town sales can and should be used in re-evaluations. Ms. Winstanley O'Connor responded that an outside firm is contracted every three-years and re-evaluations are set using their independent data.

A Public Hearing was held for the Property Tax Classification. The Board of Selectmen unanimously voted a residential factor of 1. Thereby, the Town will have a single tax rate. The Board of Assessors estimates the new tax rate upon certification by the Department of Revenue will be \$12.41.

Mr. Greeley moved approval.

SO VOTED (5-0)

## LICENSES & PERMITS

7:30 p.m. Public Hearing

## 7. Request: Common Victualler and All Alcohol Licenses

Prakash A. Hule, Deepna Inc. d/b/a Acitron, 473 Massachusetts Avenue

Mr. Greeley moved approval subject to conditions set forth. SO VOTED (5-0)

## 8. License Renewals

Contractor/Drain Layer  
 Wine & Malt Beverages Only Restaurant  
 All Alcohol Restaurant  
 All Alcohol Club  
 Wine & Malt Package Store  
 Common Victualler  
 Food Vendor

Hackney Carriage & Public Automobile  
 Class I  
 Class II and Non-Premise Wholesale  
 Lodging Houses  
 Public Entertainment  
 Automatic Amusement  
 Second Hand Dealer

Ms. Rowe moved approval subject to conditions set forth.

SO VOTED (5-0)

#### Correspondence Received

Edward White      Massachusetts Avenue Narrowing/Bike Path      Be Rec'd  
 32 Pondview Road

Robin Varghese      Legal Off-Leash Dog Hours      Be Rec'd  
 Via e-mail

ACO Thomas Quintal      Response to Varghese E-mail      Be Rec'd

Alex Prengel      Opposed to Reduction of Traffic Lanes      Be Rec'd  
 50 Fairmont Street      on Massachusetts Avenue

Mr. Varghese thanked the Selectmen, Parks & Rec Commission, and the Animal Control Officer for all their work on the off-leash park hours and forthcoming fenced in dog park.

Mr. Hurd moved receipt of correspondence.

SO VOTED (5-0)

#### NEW BUSINESS

Mrs. Mahon reported that new main pipes would be installed to address the gas leak on Eastern Avenue this year.

Ms. Rowe thanked everyone who contributed to the Elizabeth Island Fund, and particularly thanked Mr. Rehrig for all his effort.

Ms. Rowe announced that the Zoning Board of Appeals needs two appointments to fill vacancies.

Mr. Greeley moved to appoint Mr. Hurd and Ms. Rowe to the ZBA Interviewing Committee.

SO VOTED (5-0)

Mr. Greeley thanked Ms. Rowe for her outstanding effort in fund raising for the purchase of Elizabeth Island.

Mr. Greeley announced the Selectmen's Annual Holiday Sing-a-long: December 8th at the Senior Center at 7:15 PM; December 13th at Drake Village at 6:15 PM; and December 14th at Chestnut Manor at 6:15 PM-All are invited.

Mr. Greeley moved to adjourn at 7:45 PM.

SO VOTED (5-0)

Next meeting of BoS Monday, January 10, 2011.

A true record: Attest

Mary Ann Sullivan  
 Selectmen's Office